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1. The motorized artillery regiment at Kiskunfélegyháza, is subordinate to the 12 Rifle Division Command. It is now in the new barracks south of the town on the road to Szeged.
2. The regiment has a staff of about 80 men, a quartermaster battery of 70, three sections of three batteries each, with about 250 men to a section, and a training section of 300 men. The training section is at Sövényháza.
3. The 1st Section has twelve 76.2 mm guns; the other two sections each have twelve 122 mm howitzers. The training section is given guns at irregular intervals, when the occasion for their use arises.
4. In October 1952 the regiment received 300 recruits, about 50 percent of them from Budapest, the remainder from the Dunantul. Some men were later transferred from an artillery unit at Tamási.
5. [REDACTED] The camp where it is established () is being enlarged, and work is in progress.
6. The section is divided into a staff of 40 men, and two batteries each of 130 men. Each battery has a Maxim heavy machine gun, a Tokarev light machine gun, and a bazooka. When firing exercises are held the regiment details four 122 mm howitzers to the 1st Battery and two 122 mm howitzers and two 76.2 mm guns to the 2nd Battery. Cars and trucks are furnished by the regiment when needed.

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7. From 5 October 1952 to 31 January 1953 there was recruit training, consisting of general infantry training, service of the gun, theoretical training such as map reading, political training, firing with carbines and light machine guns, three times a month.
8. The section commander is First Lt Janos Csapits, 30 years old, seldom seen by the men. The commander of the 1st Battery is Lt Egon Kovacs, intelligent and sympathetic. The commander of the 2nd Battery is Lt Lajos Rona, 24 years old, who is not well liked.

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